

# **Minneapolis Charter Commission Minutes**

**August 6, 2014 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Room 317 City Hall, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

Members Present: Commissioners Clegg (Chair), Cohen, Ferrara, Kozak, Metge, Peltola, Rubenstein, Sandberg, Schwarzkopf

Members Excused: Commissioners Garcia, Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Street

Also Present: Burt Osborne, Assistant City Attorney

## **1. Roll Call**

Chair Clegg called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

## **2. Adopt Agenda**

*On a motion by Sandberg, seconded, the agenda was adopted, as amended to include Item 6 "NCR Issue".*

Absent - Garcia, Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Street.

## **3. Approve minutes of regular meeting of July 2, 2014**

*On a motion by Rubenstein, seconded, the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2014, were approved.*

Absent - Garcia, Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Street.

## **4. Chair's Report**

Clegg stated that the City Council ballot language for the two proposed Charter amendments had been included in Commissioners' packets.

At the Chair's request, Assistant City Attorney Osborne reported on the status of the City Attorney's work group formed to enact ordinances relating to items that had been removed from the old Charter in the Plain Language Revision. They are planning to have all ordinances enacted at the beginning of 2015, or at the end of 2014 with a 2015 effective date.

## **Discussion**

### **5. ACTION ITEM - Task Force:**

**Consideration of proposal to form a Task Force to review recommendations initially proposed for the Plain Language Charter but not included in final revision.**

Clegg recommended deferring action on this item to the next meeting when Commissioner Heinle, who had proposed the Task Force, could be present.

The following Commissioners volunteered to serve on the Task Force: Clegg, Ferrara, Kozak, Metge, Schwarzkopf.

### **6. NCR Issue:**

**Urban Scholar proposal regarding city boards and commissions.**

Commissioner Sandberg stated that Commissioner Metge noticed that there had been an item at a City Council Committee of the Whole meeting from the Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department in which the Urban Scholars Program proposed that city boards and commissions include more youth input. She suggested the Charter Commission investigate whether they should pursue the issue.

Metge stated that she would locate the documents that had been before Committee of the Whole and forward them to the clerk who could then forward to all Charter Commissioners.

## **Public Commentary**

There was no one present wishing to address the Charter Commission.

*On a motion by Ferrara, seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:19 p.m.*

Absent - Garcia, Heinle, Johnson, Lickness, Rice, Street.

Submitted by: Peggy Menshek, Charter Commission Coordinator